

Subject Trichloroethylene ban

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Overview

House File 2276 bans uses of the chemical trichloroethylene in consumer products and in manufacturing processes as of January 1, 2020. Trichloroethylene is used commercially in paint strippers, adhesives, spot removers and rug-cleaning fluids, and as a refrigerant. It is also used as a vapor degreaser for metals and in other manufacturing processes.

Chemical replacements for trichloroethylene may not include a chemical that is on the Minnesota Department of Health list of Chemicals of High Concern (Minnesota Statutes, section 116.9402), meaning that it has been identified on the basis of credible scientific evidence by a state, federal, or international agency as known or suspected with a high degree of probability to cause cancer, genetic damage, or reproductive harm; damage the nervous or immune system; disrupt the endocrine or hormone system; cause developmental toxicity; or be persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic.